Mishicot celebrates 18th Annual PumpkinFest

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Mishicot News

Saturday marks Mishicot's autumn celebration of PumpkinFest. Come join in the fun while the village shows its spirit. Everyone who attends the festivities is invited to dress in the 1890s style or to wear Mishicot's color – orange. There will be plenty of food, crafts, music, and fun for everyone.

Beginning at 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14, a fish fry will be held at the Mishicot VFW hall until 8 p.m. A breakfast of pumpkin pancakes, at the Schultz Elementary School, can start your day on Saturday, Oct. 15. While in the school, browse the craft vendors and bake sales. Outside you will find a hay maze set up by the high school FFA members. This group will also be manning a food stand with brats, hamburgers, tacos-to-go and other tasty treats. The FFA is providing shuttle service between the elementary school and downtown attractions. FFA members provided pumpkins from their garden plot to decorate the village.

To enter the pumpkin carving and decorating contest, bring your pumpkins to the Mishicot Village Hall between 8:30 and 9 a.m. The winners will ride in a horse-drawn wagon in the big parade at noon. Costume contestants of all ages need to meet at the village hall at 11:30 a.m., and can join the parade at Main Street. Parade entries are encouraged.

Those who wish to be a part of the parade by means of a float, farm machine, vehicle, or on foot should line up at the high school by 11:30 a.m. The parade begins at noon.

The Historical Museum will present a history of Chief Mishicott at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Old School will again be the site for a Civil War encampment, petting zoo and pony rides. For a small fee, catch a ride in a horse-drawn wagon near the village hall. Dean Konop will be drawing caricatures along Main Street. Look for many more crafts and food vendors downtown, weather permitting, including Menominee Indian fried bread and wild rice soup.

For more information on PumpkinFest events, call 755-3317 or 755-2525. I hope to see you there.

Mishicot's police chief, Ryan Gilbert, might have to spend some time behind bars himself unless you help. He needs to raise $600 "bail money" by Oct. 26 or end up in "jail" at the Fox Hills Resort. The funds will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. You can stop by the village hall to donate to this worthy cause or go to **www.mdalockup.org/bailpage.aspx?j=52895**.

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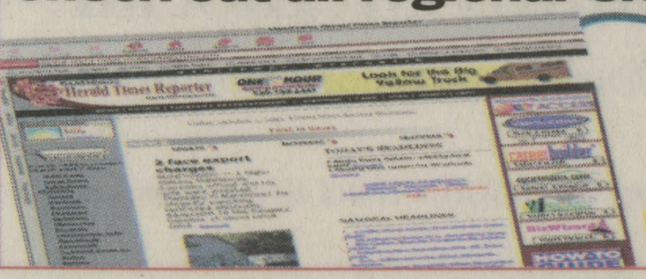

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Mishicot High School's Homecoming celebration began with a parade on Friday, Sept. 30. The senior class float, shown here, was decorated with the theme, Eye of the Tiger. This year's king is Matt Haelfrisch and queen is Kelly Tuma.

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The polka-playing Ray Rollins Orchestra is one of several attractions at the 18th annual PumpkinFest in Mishicot on Oct. 15. The orchestra performs at the Mishicot Village Hall parking lot after the parade, which begins at noon. Horse-drawn wagon rides, pumpkin-flavored food, games, competitions, a craft market, pony rides, a Civil War encampment and a petting zoo also are featured.